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William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Colby:

I write to invite you to speak at a conference designed to consider a range of proposals to reform and control our intelligence-gathering agencies. The conference will be held on November 3 and 4 in Washington, D.C. in a Senate hearing room. It is sponsored by a number of public interest organizations, including the ACLU, Americans for Democratic Action, Committee for Public Justice, Common Cause, Institute for Policy Studies, and others. The conference will be hosted by Senators Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) and Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.). The Center for National Security Studies is coordinating it.

The conference will feature short presentations of opposing views on different reform proposals, followed by discussion among panelists. A projected outline and list of participants is enclosed.

There are at least two areas in which your participation would be most valuable. One session will be held on the value of espionage as a source of intelligence information, obviously a question crucial to any discussion of limiting or eliminating CIA's clandestine services. The second is the range of enforcement questions: how does one enforce any limitations defined either in legislation or executive directives?

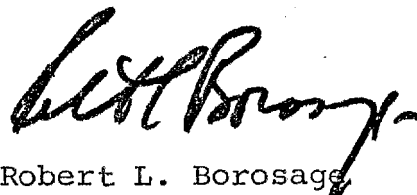
We are willing to make special arrangements for your participation: clearing a time for a formal presentation, providing an opportunity for informal comments or reactions. I realize your schedule is already quite exhausting; if you cannot attend, we would appreciate any names of persons in the CIA - particularly either in clandestine services, intelligence assessment or the general counsel's office (or your new outside attorney whom I know personally to be a fine advocate) - who might participate in the conference discussions. The program this year is set up in pro-con presentations to ensure greater balance than last year's conference.

I am sure that you will agree that an informed public discussion

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of these questions is of vital importance at this time, and hope that you will be able to join us. I shall call you later in the week to receive your response. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Borosage". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert L. Borosage
Director

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Enclosure

Projected Invitees for Discussion

(All names are tentative)

Richard J. Barnet	- Co-director, Institute for Policy Studies
Francis Bator	- Professor, John F. Kennedy School, Harvard University
William Bundy	- Editor, <u>Foreign Affairs</u>
Ray Cline	- director intelligence study, Georgetown University
David Cohen	- President, Common Cause
Thomas I. Emerson	- Professor, Yale Law School
Roger Hilsman	- Attorney, New York City
Thomas Hughes	- Director, Carnegie Endowment
Lawrence Houston	- former counsel, CIA
Carl Kayson	- Director, Institute for Advanced Studies
Philip Kurland	- Professor, Chicago Law School
Anthony Lake	- Director, International Volunteer Service
John Marks	- Associate, Center for National Security Studies
Victor Navasky-	- Author, <u>Kennedy Justice</u>
Marcus Raskin	- Co-director, Institute for Policy Studies
William Ruckelshaus-	former Deputy Attorney General
John Shattuck	- Attorney, ACLU
William Sullivan	- former Asst Director, FBI
William Turner	- former employee FBI
Paul Warnke	- Clifford and Warnke

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE OUTLINE: (All speakers tentative unless name is accompanied by an asterisk)

November 3: Monday: First Day

Morning Session: 9:00 - 12:30

9:00 - 9:30 Introduction

9:30 -11:00 Should the United States retain a bureaucracy for covert action?

Yes: Arthur Jacobs

No: Charles Yost*

11:00-12:30 Is espionage a necessary instrument for intelligence collection?

Necessary to provide "intention":
Ray Cline

Not generally of great value:
Herbert Scoville*

Lunch Break: 12:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:00 What guidelines should be placed upon the CIA in the United States?

The Rockefeller Commission Recommendation
Vice President Rockefeller or his designee

A More Restrictive Program:
Morton Halperin*

3:00 - 5:00 What domestic intelligence functions are desirable?

The evolving Justice Department position
FBI Director Clarence Kelly

Strict limit to criminal investigations
Former Att Gen Ramsey Clark

November 4: Tuesday: Second Day

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9:00 - 9:30 Introduction

9:30 - 11:00 Is legislation necessary to limit agencies strictly or do executive orders and directives suffice?

Executive orders suffice

Legislation is necessary:

Senator Gaylord Nelson or
Philip Kurland

11:00-12:30 What can oversight accomplish?

Legislative oversight can be effective
Senator Lowell Weicker

Legislative oversight is insufficient
Rep. Michael Harrington*

Lunch Break: 12:30 - 1:30

1:30 - 3:00 A Program for Personal Criminal Responsibility
Ralph Nader

Respondants: Philip Lacavora; Ralph Stavins;
Philip Hyman; Hope Eastman

3:00 - 4:30 A Program for Civil Liability
Jane Frank

Respondants: John Shattuck; Rhonda Copelon

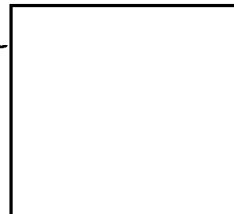
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